

Abington Business Council

MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2017 9:00AM

ABINGTON ALE HOUSE

FACILITATOR Fred Villa

NOTE TAKER Rosie Villa

ATTENDEES See attached sign in sheet

AGENDA TOPICS

Introduction of officers (2 year term)

Presenter: Vice President, Fred Villa

President: Bob Wing
Vice President: Fred Villa
Secretary: Rosie Villa
Treasurer: Laura Lombard

Mission Statement Draft (see attached)

Presenter: Bruce Hughes, OCPC

Mission Statement voted on, accepted and adopted by council

Discussion on election of nine members of the Board of Directors

The following were voted on and elected as Board of Directors for the council:

Five Directors (2 year term)

Kim Nelson, Amos/Phelps
Shawn Reilly, Law Offices of Shawn Reilly
Michael Coven, Sullivan Tire
Matt Cox, Bemis Drug
Jim Stone, Sunoco

Four Directors (1 year term)

Bob Wing
Fred Villa
Rosie Villa
Laura Lombard

Open forum among members – exchange ideas and issues

Quarterly meeting dates will be scheduled once the council feels comfortably established.
Next meeting in February 2017.

By-law committee met night to draft town by-laws.

Speaker from Building Department to possibly attend next meeting to discuss town by-laws.

North Abington Center discussions: Parking problems. New business communication.

Creation of agenda for next council meetings – Dori Jamieson. Call office to add new items to upcoming agendas.

Creation of "Welcome Packet" to new business coming into Abington.
Town Clerk has listing of all businesses in town.

Where to hold next Council meeting. Possible location at Abington Police Department.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Forward Zoning by-laws to council members.	Dori Jamieson	ASAP
Schedule Marshall Adams, Building Commissioner & Assistant to attend next meeting.	Dori Jamieson	
Investigate and obtain several "Welcome Packets" given to new business from surrounding towns	Rosie Villa	Next meeting
Schedule conference room at APD for next meeting.	Rosie Villa	ASAP

NEXT MEETING:

February 9, 2017 TIME: 9:00am

Abington Police Station - Community Conference Room
215 Central Street
Abington, MA 02351



Abington Business Council Sign in Sheet.

January 12, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Abington Ale House

Name:

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Wayne Smith	P.B.	
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Kim Nelson	Hnos Phelps/Slattery Inc.	
Jeff Peters	Peters/Slattery Inc.	jeff@annospheps.com

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FEBRUARY 16, 2017

9:00AM

ABINGTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY
CONFERENCE ROOM

FACILITATOR	Fred Villa
NOTE TAKER	Rosie Villa
ATTENDEES	See attached sign in sheet

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AGENDA TOPICS MEETING - February 16, 2017

- **Fred Villa, Vice President**
Welcomed attending members and introductions followed
- **Marshall Adams, Building Commissioner, Zoning Enforcement Officer**

Answered questions regarding home owners & small business.

He works with individuals with a sense of sensitivity to their individual needs. All situations are looked at individually.

If a quick question is to be answered, you may stop by the office, but more detailed inquiries require an appointment to be scheduled.

Grandfather clauses for longstanding businesses will not be taken away in Marshall's opinion. They will remain in place. For these longstanding businesses, signs will remain in place, however, newer banners that have been recently put up may come into question. Finalization of Signage By-law revisions is in process.

- **Marion Wong-Ryan, Zoning Enforcement Agent**

Works closely with Marshall, explaining that she is available to answer questions for anyone needing assistance and is willing to work with them closely to assist with their needs. Business cards were distributed.

Planning Board is reviewing By-Laws on signage and updates will be coming soon. There are 30 day permits currently that can be renewed as needed.

Currently, business request must be reviewed by 2 separate boards before approval is given.

(Bruce Hughes suggested to put pictures of signs on the By-Laws with the explanations)

- **Rosie Villa, Secretary**

Spoke with surrounding towns regarding new business welcome packets. None of whom supply new business coming into their towns any sort of packet of information.

Hanover, does however have a Chamber of Commerce office in their Town Hall.

Rosie suggested the possibility of having a link developed for the Abington Business Council on the home page of our town website, opposed to an actual packet of information to distribute as they come into town.

Possible information to have available on the link:

New Business information

Officers, Mission Statement, Agendas, Minutes of meetings, Upcoming meetings and events, active Members, Business listings and contact information.

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- **Deb Extra Space Storage, 1430 Bedford Street**

Voiced her concerns regarding signage for her business on Route 18, which is set back off the street making visibility a problem. Surrounding competition from the Weymouth area especially with large signs and street visibility hamper her business.

Deb also spoke of a problem with plowing and mail delivery during storms. The mail cannot be delivered and she must go to the post office to collect it. She has spoken to the postmaster who will be evaluating the situation.

- **Diane Koury DMD, Abington Dental Assoc., 673 Bedford Street**

Spoke of the feral cat problem in her business area.

Discussion of trapping, neutering and releasing back into the wild to cut down on the

number of this growing issue.

A suggestion was made and contact info would be given to contact a group from Rockland to assist her.

Marshall Adams also suggested that she contact the Board of Health and Animal Control for assistance.

- **George Whiting**

After 40 years of being a lawyer is slowing his business down a bit to include helping the elderly.

George suggested the following:

- All current members bring another business owner with them to our next meeting in efforts to expand our council.

(Rosie questioned having a night meeting occasionally to expand our base.)

- Possibility of having Abington Day with events /entertainment on June 10th.
- Bringing back the Fishing Derby.

(Dave Majenski, Police Chief stated that he is big on "community partnering". Unfortunately, his employees that ran the Derby for 13 years have retired and he does not have anyone to organize and run it, He also stated that more "out of town" participants outnumbered Abington residents)

- Putting a truck with a simple banner on it to advertise our council in the upcoming Abington St. Patrick's Day Parade.

- **Fred Villa, Martin's**

Spoke of parking issues in North Abington Center. There are signs for 1-hour parking on one side of the street and 2-hour parking on the other side. He asks how this can be enforced.

Dave Majenski, Police Chief will be considering enforcement and targeting vehicles that are constant offenders.

Fred also questioned who is the proper person to approach regarding the possibility of having designated "Handicap" parking spot(s) on the corner of North Ave and Railroad Streets.

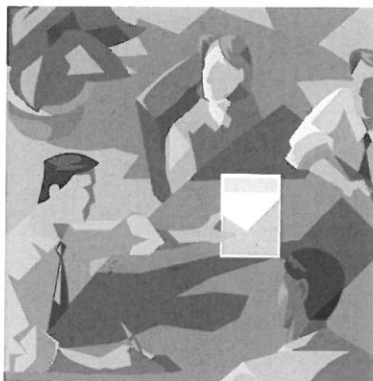
He was advised to see John Stone for the inquiry.

ACTION ITEMS FROM TODAY'S MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2017 MEETING	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Look into putting a link on the home page of the town website for the Abington Business Council	Dori Jamieson	Next Meeting
Make flyers for next meeting and distribute	Rosie Villa	ASAP
Bring a new Abington business owner or representative to our next meeting	All Members	Next Meeting
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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 9, 2017

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Sign-in Sheet

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Matthew Cox	Bemis Drug	Matthewcox35@gmail.com
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